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E.O. 11652: NXA

TAGS: EAIR, YE

SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS

REF: SANA 0531

SUMMARY: YEMENIS REQUEST NEW WORLD AIRWAYS TEAM TO  
CONCLUDE WET LEASE CONTRACT

1. YARG DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER YAHYA JAGHMAN CALLEC AHARGE  
17 FEB TO REPEAT REFTELESSURANCES THAT YARG WILL RPT  
WILL SIGN CONTRACT WITH WORLD FOR WET LEASE OF TWO  
AIRCARFT. JEDHMAN SAID HE HAD SPOKEN AGAIN TODAY TOASNAJ. JEGHMAN SAI  
D THAT AS A RESULT HE COULD "STATE  
CLEARLY AND FULLY THAT ALL OTHER OPTIONS ARE OUT, ALL  
OTHER PROPOSALS ARE OT AND WORLD AIRWAYS HAS BEEN  
DECIDED UPON. JEGHMAN SAID HE HAD ASSURANCES FROM  
ASNAJ THAT THIS WAS "DEFINITE" AND THAT VIKING  
PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS ONLY REAL ALTERNATIVE TO  
WORLD HAS BEEN REJECTED ON GROUNDS WEAK FINANCES  
AND UNCERTAIN SAFEY RECORD OF THE COMPAHM.

2. JEGHMAN SAID THAT YEMEN WOULD NOT RPT NOT ISSUE  
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OFICIAL COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO LAST WORLD OFFER BUT

WOULD "WELCOME DOWNWARD REVISION OF COSTS AS OFFERED  
IN LAST CABLE FROM WORLD".

3. JEGHMAN ALSO SAID THAT YARG WANTED WORLD TO SEND THEIR  
TEAM OR NEGOTIATOR BACK TO SANA TO SIGN AGREEMENT. HE  
SAID HEAD OF YEMEN AIRLINES SHAIK MOHAMMAD SAEED WOULD  
BRING CABLE TO EMBASSY DIRECTLY WHICH WOULD ASK FOR TEAM  
BUT NOT RPT NOT GIVE THE ASSURANCES WHICH HE,  
JEGHMAN, WAS IN POSITION TO GIVE.

4. SHAIK ARRIVED AT EMBASSY SHORTLY THEREAFTER WITH  
FOLLOWING CABLE:  
WORLD AIRWAYS  
ATTN: MR. HUGHES

THANKS YOUR CABLE CONTENTS PASSED THROUGH AMERICAN  
EMBASSY STP YEMENAIR STILL INTERESTED IN WO AIRCRAFT  
OPERATION STP WOULD YOU CONSIDER REASONABLY IMPROVED  
TERMS TO YOUR LAST OFFER STP IF AGREEABLE SUGGEST  
CONCLUDING CONTRACT IN SANAA EARLIEST DATE AFTER 25TH  
FEBRUARY 76. SIGNED SHAIK M. SAEED  
, CHAIRMAN  
YEMEN AIRWAYS CORPORATION.

5. SHAIK THEN SAID HE WILL BE OUT OF YEMEN (IN  
JIDDA AND ATHENS) UNTIL 25 FEB. BUT IF WORLD TEAM  
WISHES TO WIND UP CONTRACT BEFORE THAT TIME JEGHMAN  
IS AUTHORIZED TO DEAL WITH ANY WORLD TEAM WISHES TO  
WIND UP CONTRACT BEFORE THAT TIME JEGHMAN IS  
AUTHORIZED TO DEAL WITH ANY WORLD REPRESENTATIVE  
WHO COMES TO YEMEN.  
COMMENT: STRONGLY RECOMMEND WORLD SEND TEAM AT ONCE  
TO STRIKE WHILE IRON IS HOT. REQUEST EARLIEST REPLY  
TO EMBASSY.  
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